THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no reservation for OBC candidates in promotion to Group 'B' posts. Reservation is provided for SC and ST candidates only. Pre-promotional mandatory coaching is provided only for SC and ST candidates.

Pending Railway Projects in A.P.

745. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount required to complete the projects that are pending in Andhra Pradesh, till March, 2001;

(b) the steps taken to pool resources so as to complete the projects within a fixed time-frame; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The total amount required to complete the projects that are pending for want of required clearances in Andhra Pradesh is Rs. 343.5 crores as on 01.04.2001.

The amount required for completing ongoing Railway projects in Andhra Pradesh including those pending for clearances is Rs. 3289 crores as on 01.04.2001.

(b) These projects will be executed out of the budgetary support as well as internal generation of revenue by the Railways and will be progressed as per availability of resources.

(c) Does not arise.

Installation of Anti-Collision Device

746. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Anti-Collision Device developed by the Reserach Development and Scientific Organisation, has passed the trail tests;

(b) whether there is any delay in installing the Anti-Collision Device in trains;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) if not, by when the device is going to be installed in trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. Anti-Collision Device, developed by Research, Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) and Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., was put on trial on Katihar Division of North-east Frontier Railway from 22nd January to 24th January, 2001. Thereafter, two more trials were conducted on Konkan Railway section from 26th March to 27th March, 2001 and 20th June to 21st June, 2001, respectively and items requiring attention were identified. Further extensive field trials are proposed to be conducted in North-East Frontier Railway to establish workability, reliability and maintainability.

(b) to (d) Do not arise. The Anti-Collision Devices are proposed for installation in trains i.e., locomotives and brake-vans, stations, level crossings and other vulnerable locations only after successful completion of extensive field trials and evaluation of results. The time frame for deployment can, therefore, be firmed up only after successful development of Anti-Collision Device.

Daily run of Bangalore-Delhi-Bangalore Rajdhani Express

747. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days in a week the Bangalore-Delhi-Bangalore Rajdhani Express is being run at present;

(b) the average waiting list for the above train;

(c) whether there is any demand for running it daily; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to make to run it daily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) 2429/2430 Nizamuddin-Bangalore Rajdhani Express is available on 4 days a week.

(b) The average waiting list during last six months of the above train between Delhi and Bangalore for I AC is 0.295, 2-tier AC is 6.105 and AC 3-tier Class is 13.6.